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Application has been made to the Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. to have this Enterprise entered as the Post Office at Clayton, N. M. as Second class matter.

Between the price paid the farmer for the steer and the price paid by the consumer for beef there is a large margin not explained in the Garfield report on the operations of the trust. Says The Daily Citizen.

According to reports from different parts of the territory, New Mexico, will be ready for statehood by the next session of congress, if the rule laid down by that "bright" Senator governs. But civilization goes together.

New Mexico will always be its own best market for agricultural products. The mines as they are developed will furnish an ever increasing army of consumers. The coal and iron deposits are bound to bring in time, large coke and steel industries, for manufacturers must ultimately seek the raw material.

It is very gratifying to see the interest that is being taken in our Sunday Schools. The Sunday School of today, is the church of tomorrow, and it is the duty of parents to encourage their children to attend Sunday School, for every person will have to admit that we are better than anything but what is good at any Sunday School. We believe that it is the innate desire of every parent to see his children grow up to be successful men and women, and we want to say right here, that there is no better place to attend, no better place to inculcate on the young and plastic minds of the children, the future duties of the useful, honored man and woman.

That climate may become a valuable asset in the stock of the resources of a country is no longer a question. Health is the one desirable thing in life. For health men will sacrifice all else, even to risking life itself. For without health life is not worth the living. A healthful climate, then, is what a large minority of the race is looking for. The climate of New Mexico will stand the tests better than any other portion of the United States. It is pre-eminently healthful. And more than that it is delightful. We mean by this that the combination of conditions that make up the broad term, climate, are such that mere living becomes a constant joy.

New Mexico, always will be a cattle country. The high mesas and foothills with their luxuriant grass, the mild climate and natural protection from storms; the high altitude and pure air, which develop great lung and feeding capacity in the herds, and the valleys with their wonderful capacity for the production of alfalfa and other forage plants for "finishing" for the market, make the territory of New Mexico a veritable paradise for live stock men. The trouble has heretofore been the necessity of shipping the unfinished product east to be prepared for market. This will be remedied when the valley lands supplement with their crops of corn, alfalfa, sorghum and kaffir corn the grasses of the uplands in the production of fat cattle ready for the block.

Vast Hidden Wealth in The Semi-Arid Region

A Great inland conquest is being waged by the department of agriculture which is completely overturning the time-honored theory that the vast areas in the West which cannot be irrigated can never be made to produce anything but a scant natural growth of grass. The engineer and the ditch builder will bring water cultivation in many millions of highly productive acres, but the water supply of the West is limited, and there will remain perhaps half a billion acres of the arid region for which there is no water. The aggressive work of Secretary Wilson's department, however, promises fair to make a very large proportion of this land, heretofore supposed to be entirely unfit for agriculture, into farms through scientific methods of the soil culture and the introduction of exceptionally drought-resisting plants.

"There are no bad acres," said Secretary Wilson. "We have no useless American acres. We will make them all productive. We have agricultural explorers in every corner of the world, and they are finding crops which have become so accustomed to dry conditions similar to our own in the West that we will in time have plants thriving upon all our so-called desert lands. We will cover this arid area with plants of various sorts which will yield hundreds of millions of tons of additional forage and grain for Western flocks and herds. Our farmers will grow this upon land now practically worthless."

David G. Fairchild, an agricultural explorer and in charge of the work of introduction of new seeds and plants, says that the greatest surprises will be in the utilization of what are now considered desert lands, for the growing of special arid land crops requiring but a fraction of the moisture necessary for the growth of ordinary plants such as corn and wheat. "We are finding new plants," he said, "from the far table lands of Turkistan and the steppes of Russia and Siberia, which grow luxuriantly under such conditions of aridity that the crops of the Mississippi valley farms would wither and die as though scorched by a sirocco."

Sheep Notes.

Farmers in the Imperial valley, California. Says the American Shepherd's Bulletin, are going to try their luck in sheep raising and have dispatched an agent to visit the sheep ranges of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas for the purpose of shipping to the valley a trainload of sheep. It is thought that sheep will prove a most profitable investment. Experiments have demonstrated that to produce a pound of beef requires as much feed as to produce a pound of mutton, the sheep having considerable advantage over the steer in many ways. In the first place, the sheep is clipped once a year, the clip being a clear profit above the steer. In the second place the sheep will live and thrive on weeds and waste feed that cattle will not touch. The claim is sometimes advanced that sheep cannot be profitably raised upon high-priced lands. But it is argued if that be true, then there is no profit in any kind of stock-raising upon such lands. It cost the same per pound for sheep and cattle, with the wool clip in the sheep's favor, as a profit over the cow. The sheep and goat are the best friends of the small farmer who has not the means with which to stock his ranch with cattle.

Come Home, Father.

Father, dear father, come home with me now. For mother is out to the club. You said you were coming right home from your work. To get the dear children some grub. The cook has gone out; her club also meets. The janitor's man is a spy. And poor mother, Bessie, has swallowed a nail. And she is so sick and so sad.

Father, dear father, come home with me now. For mother is out to the club. While mother is solving the problems of state. The children are or, but for you. The socks in the bottom of the pitcher put, on the beds must be turned back to air. And mother's shirt waist must be ironed tonight or she will have nothing to wear.

Father, dear father, come home with me now. It's lonely without any man. And mother will grieve when she comes from the club. If things are not fixed up and spun, then I swear, dear papa, it isn't polite. The children in hearing might be. So let business slide, for dear mother you know might bring home a new friend to see.

Douglas M. Smith in Western Publisher.

From the northern part of the county comes a protest against the county commissioners appropriating money for the construction of the wagon road to the copper mines, setting forth the following reasons why the county should not appropriate money for this road. 1st—That the road has not been properly surveyed, as it grades thereby deferring loads from traveling it. 2nd—That the road is built in a circuitous course thereby adding to the natural distance to Clayton. 3rd—That to expend a few dollars in repairing the road down Road Canyon, which has been established for a number of years, but in great need of repairs, would be of the greatest service to the great number, a shorter road to Clayton the county seat, and for a great deal less money.

Fatal Shooting At Barney, New Mexico.

Deputy Sheriff, R. D. Cassado brought in and placed in jail last Tuesday evening Lucas Godines of Barney, New Mexico for the killing of Antonio Marteniz at that place. Godines had whipped his wife and there was a warrant being sworn out for his arrest when he appeared on the scene and inquired what was going on. When told, he announced the fact that no man could arrest him, just then young Marteniz looked out of the window, and so Godines claims, thinking he was an officer fired upon and killed him. There are a near the facts as we can learn.

The Angora goat is becoming a factor in the live stock interests of the territory. This little animal is a most interesting individual, any way you take him. Personally he is a beauty; he is independent and self-sustaining; he is a browser, not a grazer and prefers the brush of the mountain side to the finest pasture. The Angora is not a worthless vagabond like his bearded cousin who loafs about the street—a cheap clown—making fun for the small boys. He is an aristocrat and a source of profit to his owner.

There is another thing needed in this town as well as a volunteer fire department, and that is a public watering place, as it is now when a man drives into town to do his trading there is no place for him to water his team without going to a feed yard, this he does not like to do if he is carrying his own feed. A small amount of money would put down a public well in our town, that would be a benefit to the people in more ways than one.

Mrs. Nicholson, has been very poorly for the last few days, and reported no better at this writing.

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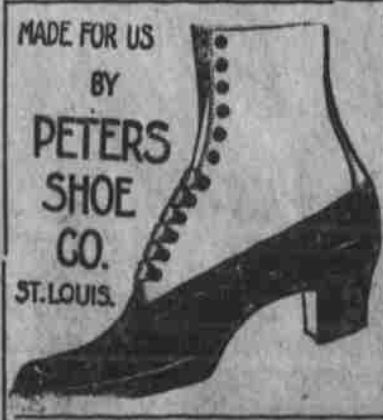


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